

## CREITORS FOOLED BY RECEIVERSHIPS, OFFICIAL ASSERTS

Western Maryland Rail-  
road's Explanation  
Brings Out Heat-  
ed Reply.

No Agreement With  
Roads Regarding Coal  
Mine Divorce  
Provision.

The charge that the receivership of the Western Maryland railroad was necessitated because of the law requiring railroads owning coal properties to dispose of them today, drew from the Interstate Commerce Commission, through one of its officials, a warm reply.

"There would be fewer receiverships of railroads," said this official, "if courts were forbidden, as they should be, to name officials of railroads as receivers. The International and Great Northern went into the hands of a receiver the other day, not because there was real need, but because it didn't want to make certain improvements demanded by the Texas commission. That was a Gould road, and one of its officials was made receiver. Now the Western Maryland has its president named as receiver, and charges it to the operations of the coal mine-divorce provision. I don't think there was any good reason for the receivership, or that it would have taken place if the law provided that officers should not be named as receivers."

**Gives Laugh to Creditors.**

"The Seaboard Air Line went into a receiver's hands, not because there was real occasion, but apparently because two factions thought it the best way; and the president was named as one of the receivers. So in the case of the Chicago Great Western. It's all wrong, and should be stopped by law. A receivership is a means of giving the laugh to creditors; then they blame it on the laws."

The Baltimore and Ohio found means to dispose of its coal properties immediately after the law passed. The Louisville and Nashville did the same, and so have some other roads. Now some of the lines that have not done this are asking that a case be made up in court to test the law, and the Department of Justice is looking into the matter."

It is learned that Attorney General Bonaparte has engaged L. Allison Wilmer, a Baltimore lawyer, as special counsel to investigate this matter of dealing with the coal roads. The law requiring disposition goes into effect May 1, and the railroads have been anxious that a case be prepared which would raise all the questions as to the law's constitutionality, which some of them deny. Mr. Wilmer has been working with the Interstate Commerce Commission the last fortnight, and at the Department of Justice, getting familiar with the situation, preparatory to reporting to the Attorney General a recommendation as to the course which ought to be pursued.

**No Agreement With Roads.**

Attorney General Bonaparte, however, today dissipated any impression that the appointment of the Western Maryland receiver is part of an amicable understanding between the Government and coal-carrying railroads to get an early ruling upon the constitutionality of the commodity clause of the Hepburn act, or that the action taken by the Gould line will give it any advantage over its competitors in evading the law.

He announced that no final agreement had been reached by the Department of Justice and interested railroads. It is said at the Department of Justice that the Government has no intention of dealing harshly in this matter with the coal-carrying roads. It is due time the department expects to proceed to secure enforcement of the law and it has been advised that it will be aided by the railroads interested, as they are anxious that there shall be no undue prosecution pending an early decision by the Supreme Court.

### TO APPROVE ELECTRIC WIRING.

Walter C. Allen, electrical engineer of the District, has recommended that all plans for electric wiring installation for lighting or power in buildings owned or leased by the municipal government be submitted to him for his certificate of compliance with the regulations of his department and that the department be notified when the installation is begun. The Commissioners have approved the recommendation.

## Daughters of Congressmen Form Exclusive Society For Their Own Diversion



MISS HELEN CANNON,  
Elected Today Honorary President of  
the Daughters.

Fifty Strong, They Meet  
in the Metropolitan  
Hotel.

Nearly a half hundred fascinating girls met at 10:30 o'clock this morning in the Metropolitan Hotel and banded themselves into a society which will be unique in the social history of Washington.

The girls are daughters of Senators and Representatives in Congress, who conceived the idea as a means of bringing them together for social purposes other than those prescribed by the ordinary social calendar.

"They declared that they return to Washington every winter only to meet at afternoon teas and receptions, that they never succeed in finding each other at home, and that the best way out of the difficulty would be to form a society, engage club rooms, and arrange a way in which they could be brought together."

Miss Beattie Lamb, of Virginia, and Miss Julia Williams, daughter of John Sharp Williams, conceived the idea and set about putting it into practical working order. The meeting this morning was the first, and the girls let no grass grow under their feet.

They adopted a constitution, elected officers, and named committees with the energy of old-timers, and when they met again next Friday morning at the same place, it is expected a name will have been selected by the society and permanent quarters engaged. The following officers were elected today:

Honorary president, Miss Helen Cannon; president, Miss Beattie Lamb; first vice president, Miss Julia Williams; second vice president, Miss Tillman, of South Carolina; third vice president, Miss Mebel Madden, of Illinois; fourth vice president, Miss Greag, of Texas; treasurer, Miss Stevens, of Texas; recording secretary, Miss Chapman, of Illinois; and corresponding secretary, Miss Wilson.

"The girls were full of enthusiasm for the new organization, and expect to have it take its place among exclusive societies at the Capital. As its purpose is merely for social intercourse, no program is to be outlined. The girls in attendance took a vote this morning as to whether membership in the society should be restricted to unmarried



MISS TILLMAN,  
Second Vice President of the New  
Society.

daughters, and it was agreed that it should not, but that all daughters should be eligible.

A committee was appointed to fix upon a suitable name for the society.

## ELOPERS ELUDE STERN PARENTS

No Trace of Little Italian  
and Her Swarthy  
Lover.

So far no trace has been found of Antonia Dambrosio, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Angelo Dambrosio, of 5 Willow Tree alley, and Di Pietro Ugo, an Italian laborer, with whom the girl is said to have eloped from her home last night.

Ugo has been a suitor for the hand of the little Italian girl for several months, and, though successful with her parents, who not only refused to consider his plea, but also refused him permission to call at their house. About two weeks ago, Ugo, having laid by what is considered a goodly number of American shekels among the members of the Italian colony, decided to wait no longer, if he could bring his sweetheart to his way of thinking.

Accordingly last night being propitious he gained access to the Dambrosio home, obtained the consent of Antonia to flee with him, and the two made a hurried exit through the rear door as the parents of the girl entered through the front way. When Dambrosio learned of his daughter's elopement, he reported the matter to the police in the hope that the couple could be apprehended before the marriage ceremony had been performed. He vows vengeance on Ugo.

## ANARCHY ORDER PROVES SUCCESS

Since the recent order of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor instructing immigration officials to co-operate with local police authorities in the handling of anarchists, a great deal of good has been accomplished. Secretary Straus said this morning that although the order was issued only a few days ago, the beneficial results already have been brought to his attention.

"There is no complaint about the inadequacy of the present laws," said Secretary Straus. "Our laws are all right and quite sufficient to protect us against anarchists and all other undesirable. What is needed is merely a more rigid enforcement of those laws we have now on the books."

The Secretary cited an instance which recently came up in Massachusetts to illustrate how failure of co-operation between State and National authorities had caused justice to lag.

"There was a Greek up in Massachusetts, who was terrorizing the people of his race in the neighborhood. The local police authorities were unable to handle him, apparently, and as a last resort communicated with the Greek minister in Washington. The Greek minister in turn brought the case to the attention of the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State brought the matter to our attention."

"Then we instructed the Immigration Bureau to get after the obstreperous Greek, and he was properly suppressed. How much time would have been saved had the local police authorities taken up the matter with the Immigration Bureau in the first place."

### MEXICAN TREATY DRAFTED.

Secretary Root and Signor Godoy, charge d'affaires of the Mexican embassy, have agreed upon a treaty between the nations they represent. The treaty, which is similar to the French-American pact, has been sent to Mexico for the signature of President Diaz, and within the next three weeks will go to the Senate for ratification.

## GERMANY REFUSED TO BUY TORPEDO

So the "Plot" Explodes in  
Plain Larceny  
Case.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The supposed sensational plot to sell plans of the Bliss torpedo to the German government, "unearthed" by William J. Clemens, the so-called "criminologist," and given a spurge of publicity this morning, was exploded today when William Esser, the alleged plotter, was arraigned in the Adams street court, Brooklyn.

It appeared that Esser, once in the employ of the E. W. Bliss Company, of Brooklyn, the manufacturers of the Bliss torpedo, had gathered, as charged, parts of the torpedo and had attempted to sell the plans and a model of the torpedo to the German government. He wrote, it is said, to a naval official in Germany and received a reply that the German government did not want the torpedo.

As a matter of fact, the plans of the Bliss torpedo are on public view in the United States Patent Office, in Washington, where anyone may see them. The Bliss torpedo is patented in every country in Europe, and the German government or any other government could use it by contracting with the Bliss Company.

Esser was formally charged with grand larceny for the alleged theft of the torpedo fittings, and was held in \$1,000 bail.

## No Secrets Divulged Of Torpedo Making, Government Declares

William Esser, a German, and former employee of the Bliss Company, of New York, who was arrested yesterday charged with grand larceny, and who was alleged to have endeavored to sell to the German government the secret process of the United States manufacture of torpedoes and projectiles, did not, according to a statement at the Navy Department, receive or transmit any secrets of the United States Government.

Immediately upon seeing the stories in the morning papers the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department called the offices of the E. W. Bliss Company by long distance telephone and received assurances that the reports were very much exaggerated. The bureau was assured that Esser was held on the charge of grand larceny only, and that he did not have in his possession any patents or secret process of importance.

It was stated by the Bureau of Ordnance that all these patents and processes, with two exceptions, were the property of the Bliss Company, and it was that concern's duty to preserve them. The company is, however, using two secret processes that belong exclusively to the United States Government. Neither of those Esser had in his possession. At most they are claimed to be unimportant.

The E. W. Bliss Company manufactures projectiles and torpedoes for the Navy Department on an extensive scale. They are the sole manufacturers of the Whitehead torpedo.

## KAISER'S ONLY DAUGHTER MAY MARRY MANUEL

BERLIN, March 6.—The Berlin press is much interested, but confesses inability to confirm Lisbon dispatches saying negotiations are pending to marry Portugal's nineteen-year-old King, Manuel, to the Kaiser's only daughter, Victoria Louise, aged nineteen.

## G. W. U. RECEIVES MONEY FOR DIPLOMATIC COURSE

As a result of the campaign which has been inaugurated by the George Washington University to make its College of the Political Sciences a great training school for the consular and diplomatic services and for the public service generally, subscriptions have already been received from a number of prominent men. Among those who have contributed to the fund are J. Pierpont Morgan, Judge E. H. Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation; Levi P. Morton, Cornelius N. Bliss, and Otto C. Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

Through the efforts of Dr. Harlan, the special representative of the university, the influence of the New York Chamber of Commerce has been enlisted in behalf of the college. At a meeting in New York yesterday a strong recommendation of the movement was presented to the members by the standing committee of the New York Chamber of Commerce on foreign commerce.

It is the plan of the university to enlarge the College of Political Sciences by extending its curriculum and strengthening its faculty. If this plan is carried out successfully the college hopes to turn out each year a number of men with special training that will fit them for consular and diplomatic positions. To carry out this program at least \$25,000 a year above its present income will be necessary.

Secretary of State Root is greatly interested in the success of the college.

## PROHIBITION HEARINGS TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY

The District of Columbia Committee of the House will begin hearings on the bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants in the District of Columbia Wednesday. Matthew L. O'Brien, representing the prohibition forces, has secured an agreement that the committee will give six days' hearing on the measure.

O'Brien has maps and photographs of Washington and claims that he can show the location of over 200 places that are now selling liquor illegally under the present high license law. He said today:

"The breakdown of the license system in the Nation's Capital ought to convince every one that regulation of the liquor traffic is impossible. There is more lawlessness now than there would be under prohibition. The speakeasy now abounds in Washington under high license."

### FALLS INTO GLASS PILE.

Suffering from a deep gash on his left arm, which he received by falling into a pile of broken glass, Willis Petty, of Chesboro Point, D. C., is in the Casualty Hospital. His condition is not serious.

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